

Protecting a Neighborhood by Cleaning Up an Abandoned Foreclosed Home

Moving quickly to protect neighbors and help businesses, Code Enforcement officers cleaned up — and locked up — a foreclosed that had been abandoned and left dangerously open in Spring Valley in October.

Code Enforcement officers responded the same day they were contacted by the Spring Valley Chamber of Commerce and discovered heaps of trash and evidence that squatters were using the abandoned house's garage for shelter.

Unsecured vacant homes are regarded as unsafe structures by the County's codes and Code Enforcement declared the trash a public nuisance.

Code officers determined that the home was owned by the Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae, and contacted the agency to find the property manager, who agreed to lock up and clean the property.

Over the course of a month, work crews removed more than 1,000 gallons of trash during the cleanup process.

